

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH  
A B S T R A C T

HM&FW Dept. - Payment of Rs.1.00 lakh as Compensation for a Patient in the Government Hospital for Mental Care, Hyderabad – Sanction – Orders – Issued.

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HEALTH, MEDICAL AND FAMILY WELFARE (M2) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No. 736

Dated: 16-6-2009.

Read the following: -

- 1.From the Asst. Regr. (Law), NHRC, New Delhi, Lr. dt.25-2-2009 received through D.O.Lr.No.463/HARC/A1/2008-2, dt.6-3-21009 of the Jt. Secy., G.A. Department.
- 2.Govt.Lr.No.4492/M2/2009-3, dated 25-3-2009.
- 3.from the Asst. Regr., NHRC., Lr., dt.29.4.09 received through the G.A.D., vide D.O.Lr.No.463/AI/2008-3, dated 13-5-2009.

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ORDER: -

The National Human Rights Commission, New Delhi, in its letter dated 29-4-2009 3<sup>rd</sup> read above, has stated that a news item appeared in the Telugu daily 'Eenadu' dated 18-11-2005 depicting the plight of the inmates of Erragadda Mental Hospital, Hyderabad. The report inter-alia, stated that one inmate of the Hospital was admitted in to Osmania Hospital, after he was attacked by the staff.

2. While narrating the developments relating to the above unfortunate incident, the State Government have opposed payment of Compensation on the ground that the inmate Sri Kumara Swami absconded from the Hospital twice and it is not known how and when he sustained injuries vide letter 2<sup>nd</sup> read above. This plea of the Government of Andhra Pradesh has not been accepted by the National Human Rights Commission, New Delhi. The National Human Rights Commission has recommended to the Government of Andhra Pradesh to pay a Compensation of Rs.1,00,000/- (Rupees One Lakh only) to the Patient through the Chief Secretary. The Chief Secretary, Government of Andhra Pradesh is also directed to submit compliance report along with proof of payment within six weeks.

3. After careful examination, Government hereby accord sanction for an amount of Rs.1.00 Lakh (Rupees One Lakh only) towards payment of Compensation to the legal heirs of the Patient i.e., Sri Kumara Swami, who reportedly sustained injury in the said Hospital, subject to meeting the expenditure from the advance from the Contingency Fund. The Superintendent, Government Hospital for Mental Care, Hyderabad shall disburse the amount and arrange the payment to the legal heirs of Sri Kumara Swami under proper acknowledgment, as per rules.

4. The amount sanctioned in Para (3) shall be debited to the Head of Account "2210-MH-110-GH-01-SH-21-500-503–other expenditure" and shall be met initially by way of an advance from the Contingency Fund, orders regarding which, Finance (B.G.) Department will issue separately.

5. The Superintendent, Government Hospital for Mental Care, Hyderabad shall take immediate necessary action in the matter.

6. The Director of Medical Education, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad shall take necessary action for obtaining supplementary grant at appropriate time during current financial year 2009-2010 to recoup the above sanctioned advance to Contingency Fund.

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7. This order issues with the concurrence of Finance Department vide their U.O. No.5751/138/A1/Exp.M&H.I/2009, dated 16-6-2009.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

J. SATYANARAYANA,  
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

To

The Superintendent, Govt. Hospital for Mental Care, Hyderabad.

Copy to: -

The individual (through Supdt., Instt. of Mental Health, Hyderabad).

The Director of Medical Education, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.

The Pay & Accounts Officer, Hyderabad.

The Accountant General, A.P., Hyderabad.

The Finance (BG) Department.

The Finance (Expr.,M&H.I) Department.

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